



1083rd meeting of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

8:00PM Wednesday July 26, 2006
Room 370, Building C, Fort Mason
San Francisco, California

Gobrecht Dollars *Whalen*



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Please join us Wednesday, July 26 to hear Whalen tell us about Christian Gobrecht and Seated Liberty Dollars. Members are encouraged to bring specimens from their collections. Note that the regular meeting begins at 8:00PM and the business meeting begins about 7:00PM.

Papers Contest

The annual banquet , bingo and papers contest award ceremony was held as the 1082nd meeting on Saturday June 24, 2006. The results of the papers contest are:

First Place: Stephen M. Huston "Countermarked coins"

Second Place (tie): Elliot M. Wehner "National bank notes" and Michael F. Wehner "Denman Grammar School medals"

Honorable Mention: Rick Webster "British Java and its coinage"

Honorable Mention: Michael Hollingshead "The choice is yours"

Congratulations to all the entrants for their articles! We thank our two external judges, Jim Hunt of the CSNA and Lane Brunner of the ANA. Publication details are currently in the planning stage. Time to start thinking about next years contest...

1081st meeting, May 24, 2006: Denman Grammar School Medals

Michael Wehner

Michael gave a presentation on the Denman School medals, academic and deportment awards to girls and young women who attended James Denman's grammar school in San Francisco from 1856 to the early part of the 1900s. Four types of medals were identified, one becoming known to Michael from the large collection which Jerry Schimmel brought. Debate centered around whether two of the types were awarded to Denman School graduates only or were awarded city-wide. Further research is underway.

Exhibits (May 2006). (reported by Herb Miles)

Federico Castillo brought some recent acquisitions, a book, "Necessity Coinage of Guatemala" and a nice commemorative medal

Lew Robinson gave us a thorough explanation of gold dredging, a task he has done extensively and with some results as he brought a slew of gold nuggets to share with us, some in crystalline form! His description of the difficulty and hard work it takes to retrieve these minuscule pieces of gold gave us all pause!

John Dale brought two interesting items, one an encased Lincoln Cent from 1948 and another from the Daisy BB gun manufacturing company, a "Daisy Dollar."

Mark Wm Clark exhibited an Israeli Commemorative Set featuring some large silver pieces and a magnificent Mexican award from the "Order of International Law and Peace!"

Gordon Donnell showed off his sets of Afghani items won at an ANA convention, one set featuring coins and the other showing bank notes used in this country.

Visitor *Scott Annechino* exhibited a portion of his collection of coins from the Belgian Congo, a 5 Francs graded PCGS MS66, a 1743 Mexico City 8 Reales graded NGC MS63, and a New Jersey copper cent graded MS 61!

Jerry Schimmel exhibited his many examples of San Francisco school medals, in support of Michael's presentation; Jerry brought some Denman School medals, some from the Bridge school, and Lincoln School. Jerry added to Michael's presentation by exhibiting a distinct type of the Denman medal, one not seen before.

Rick Webster brought a nice array of British medals, a 25th Anniversary of Victoria and Albert, a Science and Art Medal of 1897, a Maundy Set from 1900, a George V Coronation Medal, and a Prince Charles Medal, notable for the dragon pictured on the reverse.

Ken Takahashi took us on his latest tour through China, Korea and Japan, showing coins acquired at various locations during the cruise he took with his wife.

Michael Wehner, not to be satisfied with bringing his Denman School Medals, also brought a "Bay to Breakers" medal, probably an early version perhaps from the 1950s but not dated.

Sandra Whalen exhibited some nice silver Canadian coins that feature holograms of the Northern Lights and an Iceberg, the colors are wonderful and really do recall the Northern Lights, and the reflection from an iceberg!

Whalen brought some examples of how different mints package their products. Two United States 1955 Proof sets, one a flat pack and the other housed in individual cellophane envelopes, a British Proof set of 1955 in a brittle plastic container, a 1955 U.S. Mint set in cardboard and envelopes and a 1955 Canadian set, also housed in a brittle plastic material. It is interesting to see the differences in packaging and how they have protected (or didn't) the coins during the interim period and how the plastic and cellophane holders have lasted through the years.

Raffle (May 2006) (Elliot Wehner, raffle chairman)

- 1) Revolutionary Mexican Currency Notes won by *Daniel Feldman*
- 2) Republic of China Silver Dollar, won by *Daniel Feldman*
- 3) 50 Cent good for Token from Daytona Kennel Club, won by *Sandra (allegedly a non-collector) Whalen*
- 4) Upper Canada Bank Token, won by *Daniel Feldman*, (again!)
- 5) An ANA medal, the 50th anniversary of National Coin Week, won by *Whalen*
- 6) A 2 Dollar note, cancelled on April 13, 1976 (?), won by *Lew Robinson*

Tentative 2006 future programs

August: How about you?

September: *Elliot Wehner* “National Bank Notes”

Please contact Michael Wehner if you would like to speak in 2006 at (415) 928-4469 or mf_wehner@yahoo.com

Parking

We have learned that Fort Mason will begin charging for parking. Our best guess is that it will about \$6 to park for the three hours of a board meeting and a regular meeting.

Suggestions for alternatives are solicited.

New Treasurer!

Whalen has volunteered to fill the vacant office of Treasurer. Thank you for taking over this very important duty.